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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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HAPPY, HEALTHY & PEACEFUL NEW YEAR 2010 !!!!

31/12/2009: Lee, HL1IWD will be active as DU1/HL1IWD from Manila, island of Luzon (IOTA OC-042, WLOTA LH-0081), Philippines, between 31 December 2009 and 3 January 2010. Activity will probably be on 80-10 metres using mainly CW. QSL via his home call (QRZ.com). [OPDX Bulletin]

31/12/2009: Wally VK6YS, Nigel VK6NI and Bruce KD6WW plan to be active as VK6IOA from the Wallabi Island Group (OC-211), between 31 December 2009 and 04 January 2010. QSL manager will be VK4AAR. They are looking for one operator to join. Please contact Wally, VK6YS - vk6ys at iinet.net.au if you are interested, for more information. Website: www.westozdx.net/IOTAS/OC211/OC211.html [rsgbiota.org]

01/01/2010: Frank, CM2IR will once again be active between 1-3 January, on 40 metres [CW around 7015 kHz and SSB around 7125 kHz], and also 15/12/10 metre SSB between 2200-0300z to bring in the New Year. Reference numbers are: CQ 8, ITU 11, IOTA NA-015, WLOTA LH-0032 and WW Loc. EL83TC. QSL via EB7DX, his QSL Manager, with 2 USDs or IRCs. Interests are: QRP CW, Europe, Islands, and Africa. [OPDX Bulletin]

01/01/2010: Members of the 4M5DX Group will be active as YW5O from La Orchila Island (SA-054, DIV-038 for the Venezuela Islands Award, WLOTA LH-3044, WW Loc. FK61WT). Activity will be on all bands and modes. The group is awaiting the transportation schedule from the Venezuelan Navy. The exact days and team will be posted soon on the following Web page: www.yw5o.4m5dx.info/ [OPDX Bulletin]

02/01/2010: Edor, CO7PH will be active from Cayo Anclitas Island (NA-201) 02-05 January as CO7PH/P. QRV around the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL direct (QRZ.com). [dx-hamspirit.com]

03/01/2010: Operarators Alan VK3XPD, Kevin VK4UH and Michael VK3KH have planned a VHF/UHF/Microwave DXpedition to Norfolk Island (OC-005, WLOTA LH-1469, WW Loc. RG30xx), using the callsign VK9NA, between 03-14 January. The DXpedition has created interest in the USA, and although the team thinks they are beyond their reach, they will be beaming into the Pacific on 6 metres and 2 metres and are hopeful of working A35 and E51. Digital modes will be an integral part of their operation, and they are set up to run WSJT on all bands. They will also be active on the Meteor Scatter net, and will also be happy to consider skeds at other times. Bands - 6 Metres 100W 3 elem Yagi; 2 Metres 360W 10 elem Yagi; 70 CM 70W 23 elem Yagi; 23 CM 90W 1.2 Mtr dish; 13 CM 20W 1.2 Mtr dish; 9 CM 20W 1.2 Mtr dish; 6 CM 15W 1.2 Mtr dish; and 3 CM 5W 1.2 Mtr dish. Radios: FT897D and FT817ND. Modes: SSB, FSK441, JT65A, B&C and CW. QSL via VK3KH. [F5NQL]

05/01/2010: Marty, W2CG, will once again vacation and operate in Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA L0033, Grid FK52) between 5-26.Jan.2010. Look for him to

use a special callsign, either P40C or P40CG (awaiting approval). Activity will be primarily CW/RTTY on 80-6 meters, usually between 1200-1400z and 2000-2400z, other times as schedule permits. QSL OK via W2CG, bureau or direct (LotW perferred). [OPDX Bulletin]

08/01/2010: Cezar, YO8TLC will be active from Feydhoo Island (IOTA AS-013), Addu Atoll, (WLOTA LH-0191), Maldive Islands, from 8-25 January as 8Q7CE. Holiday style operation on 40m, 30m and 20m bands, mainly CW and some SSB. Rig FT857, pwr 100W, manual ATU MFJ971, vertical multiband antenna (Rybakov style with 10m fiber glass mast). QSL via YO8TLC, bureau or direct. [AT International]

08/01/2010: Gerry, VE6LB will be active holiday style from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, as A6/VE6LB between 8 January and 8 February. QRV on the HF bands, using low power and mostly CW. QSL via home call and LoTW. [NG3K]

08/01/2010: Roberto, YV5IAL will be active as CE0/YV5IAL from Easter Island [aka Isla de Pascua](IOTA SA-001, DICE ICE-001, WLOTA L-0319) from 8-11 January. This will be a QRP, portable, holiday style operation. Activity will be on PSK31 digital mode on 14070.15 kHz from 2200-0100 UTC, and occasionally on 40/30/15 metres. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

08/01/2010: George, K2CM will be active from the island of Bequia, The Grenadines (NA-025), from 8 January until 12 February. QRV on 20 metre SSB/CW, maybe 40m CW. QSL via the bureau, or direct (SASE/SAE) to K2CM. [rsgbiota.org]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

29/01/2010: Alex, 4Z5KJ will be active from Netanya, Israel, as 4Z5J during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (29-31 January) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via W0MM, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

29/01/2010: Operators Tony T77C, Victor RV2FW, Andy UA2FB, Vladimir UA2FF and Igor UA2FZ will be QRV from San Marino as T70A during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (29-31 January) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via the information under T70A at QRZ.com. [NG3K]

30/01/2010: Members of the Camden County Amateur Radio, KB4CC plan to activate Cumberland Island (IOTA NA-058, USi GA002S, Camden County), Georgia, on 30-31 January. QRV 14.260 MHz SSB, 14.040 MHz CW, 7.055 MHz CW and 7.030 MHz CW, with a multi-op, 2 radio, battery powered station. QSL via: KB4CC CCARS - USI#GA-002S, PO Box 2203, Kingsland, GA 31548. Further information can be found at www.ccars.org/ [N8OFS]

09/02/2010: Operators Jacques F6BEE, Phil FO8RZ, Nigel G3TXF and Gilles VE2TZT will be active from French Polynesia as TX4T between 09-25 February. QRV on 9 HF bands, 160-10m. QTH will be north of Tahiti Hiti peninsula, Tahiti (IOTA OC-046, DIFO FO-001, WLOTA LH-0885), directly on the pacific ocean with a clean shot to Europe and the Americas. Strong effort on low bands (160m and 80m). Entries in WPX RTTY and ARRL DX CW contests are planned. QSL via G3TXF, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at: www.fo2010.org/ [NG3K]

26/02/2010: In recognition of the historic events that took place in 1935 and 1940 which played a significant part in Britains war effort, Bawdsey Manor, Suffolk, England (IOTA EU-005, WLOTA LH-1840, WW Loc.

JO01QX), will be activated on three separate occasions during 2010. During its time as a the radar research centre and as an operational station for Chain Home radar, it was known by the acronym BRS - Bawdsey Research Station. Special event callsigns with BRS as the suffix have been applied for to recognise this. Over the weekend of 26 to 28 February they will be on the air on HF, 6m and VHF, operating CW, SSB and possibly some digital modes too. The callsign requested is GB75BRS, since this operation will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Daventry Experiment, which resulted in radar development in the UK being based first at Orfordness, then at Bawdsey. Later in the year they will operate on two weekends to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the start and end of the Battle of Britain in 1940. The callsign GB70BRS has been requested. These weekends will be 5-6 June, and 18-19 September. Operating bands and modes will be as for the February event. A special QSL card will be issued to those making contact with either of the stations, and a parchment certificate will be available on request to stations who make contact with both callsigns - information about the stations, operation and QSL arrangements can be found on their web site at: www.bawdseyresearchstation.org.uk/ [G4HUP]

27/03/2010: Al, NH7A will be active from Kihei, island of Maui (USi HI018S, WLOTA LH-0636, Maui County), Hawaii (IOTA OC-019), during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (27-28 March) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via F5VHJ, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

25/04/2010: Nicolas, F5TGR will be active from the island of Martinique (IOTA NA-107, DIFO FM-001, WLOTA LH-1041) as FM/F5TGR between 25 April and 6 May. QRV 40-10 metres, CW and SSB, during spare time vacation style. QSL via the bureau preferred, or direct (Nicolas Quennet 63, Rue Carnot 95240 - Cormeilles en Parisis - France) if needed. [NG3K]

30/10/2010: Look for Al, 6W1RY to be QRV from Dakar, Senegal, for the CQWW DX SSB Contest (30-31 October) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via F5VHJ, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

01/01/2010: Celebrating the Centennial of the Mexican Revolution and the Bicentennial of Mexico's Independence, the Radio Club Queretaro (XE1RCQ) will operate as 4A1B from 1 January to 31 December. QSL via LZ3HI, direct or bureau. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [425 DX News]

01/01/2010: Special event station 8J3SENTO will be aired from 1 January to 31 December to commemorate the 1300th anniversary of Capital Relocation to Nara(-city) (as) Heijo-kyo (Sento: Capital Relocation), Kansai region, Nara prefecture, Honshu (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA L2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WT/AC6IM]

01/01/2010: Tom, 9A2AA enjoys operating from Croatian islands and has activated more than 500 of them ("exactly 523") so far. For this reason he has been granted permission to use special prefix callsign 9A500AA from 1 January through 31 December. QSL via 9A2AA (QRZ.com). [425 DX News]

01/01/2010: ISWL CLUB CALLSIGNS -
The ISWL Club Callsign's in use during January 2010 will be:
G4BJC & GX4BJC - Operated from Broad Oak, Heathfield, in East Sussex,
by Arthur G0KOC. (ISWL Council Member & Club Callsign Holder)
(WAB Square = TQ62 - England & IOTA = EU-005).
MX1SWL /A - Operated from Walton on the Naze, in Essex,
by Herbie - G6XOU. (ISWL Council Member & QSL Bureau Manager)
(WAB Square = TM22- England & IOTA = EU-005).
The ISWL's WAB Book numbers are: 16316 and 16724.
(WAB Info: http://www.worked-all-britain.org.uk)
All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk or www.qrz.com
or via www.eQSL.cc NO LOTW.
ISWL Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk
for full details. eQSL.cc cards ARE accepted for our awards.
[Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

01/01/2010: (Year Long Special Event - Yaesu Heritage Year 2010). Using their club callsign GS2MP (North of Scotland Contest Group GM7V), operators Chris GM3WOJ/ZL1CT and Jim/GM0NAI will be operating their vintage Yaesu transmitters/receivers and transceivers during the year 2010. Each calendar month they will use a different Yaesu radio, and amateurs worldwide are invited to work GS2MP and earn points towards the "Yaesu Heritage Year Award". Operation will mostly be on 40 and 20 metre, SSB and CW, using classic radios like the FT-dx-100 (original), FT-200, FT-dx-401, etc. Yaesu (UK) Ltd are kindly sponsoring the event by supplying special QSL cards, small trophies and a special prize to the overall 'winner' of this year-long fun event. More details to follow soon - please visit the following Web site for some photos of the vintage radios at: www.gm7v.com/yaesu2010.htm [OPDX Bulletin]

01/01/2010: PC600P is operated as a special event station to commemorate 600 years of City rights for the City of Purmerend. The station will be activated in the year 2010, starting 1-27 January, 1-28 May and 1-28 September from Concordia on the Koemarkt. Local operators are expected to operate under special prefix callsigns (i.e. PA600MIR (QSL PA0MIR via bureau), PA601FR, PA602SWL, PA603HGP, PD602YL, PE603HG, etc) during the same time frames. A shorttime operational Award will be available for working this station, other "600" stations from Purmerend and stations from the sistertown of Jihlava in the Czech Republic. Details for this award are available on the website of the local VERON chapter Waterland (A56) hamradio.nikhef.nl/afdeling/waterland/ . QSL cards will be printed after the last activity period in September 2010. All contacts will be confirmed via the bureau automatically; uploads to LoTW and eQSL after each activity period. QSL manager is PA3HGP. [425 DX News]

04/01/2010: The Fishers Ghost Amateur Radio Club (VK2FFG) will be active as VI2AJ2010 during the 22nd Australian Scouts Jamboree, in Cataract Scout Park in Appin, NSW, Australia (IOTA OC-001, WLOTA LH-1520) from 4-14 January. Look for them to be QRV 160-10m, using various modes. QSL via VK2KDP, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

31/12-03/01 DU1/HL1IWD: Luzon Island WLOTA LH-0081 QSL HC (d)
01/01-31/12 8J3SENTO: Honshu WLOTA LH-2376 QSL JARL Buro

01/01-03/01 CM2IR: Cuba Island WLOTA LH-0032 QSL EB7DX (d)
01/01-31/01 YW5O: Isla La Orchila WLOTA LH-3044 QSL IT9DAA (d/b)
04/01-14/01 VI2AJ2010: Australia WLOTA LH-1520 QSL VK2KDP (d/b)
05/01-26/01 P40C: Aruba Island WLOTA LH-0033 QSL W2CG (d/b)
08/01-25/01 8Q7CE: Addoo Atoll WLOTA LH-0191 QSL YO8TLC (d/b)
08/01-11/01 CE0/YV5IAL: Isla de Pascua WLOTA LH-0319 QSL HC (d)
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SIX METERS & UP -

METEORSCATTER:
The welcome into new year for Meteor enthusiasts is ensured by the encounter with one of the major annual showers: the Quadrantids. Quadrantids maximum is expected to occur on January 3rd, around 19 UT, although a possible strong, short lived maximum may occur between roughly 12 UT to 16 UT on January 3rd 2010. The Quadrantids maximum is typically rather sharp; predicted ZHR at peak in 2010 is 120 hr-1. Shower predictions for January 2010 are avaliable at our MS-Propagationpage: www.mmmonvhf.de/ms.php
SOURCE: Massimo, IV3NDC, on behalf of the MMMonVHF Team

RUSSIAN WINTER MS CONTEST:
New 144 MHz Meteor Scatter Contest during 2010 Quadrantids shower: RUSSIAN WINTER MS CONTEST. Contest is held during Quadrantids ms shower. Start: 02 Jan. 2010, 15:00 UTC End: 05 Jan. 2010, 04:59 UT PARTICIPANTS - Radio amateurs from all over the World are invited. Read all and links to RULES: www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php?id=2989
SOURCE: tnx to Rytis, LY4U, direct to MMMonVHF

EME-Calendar 2010:
Hello EMErs, I have updated the EME data and calendar with the help of Franck F5SE for the new coming year 2010.
Happy New Year. JJ F1EHN www.f1ehn.org/ "EME data" page
SOURCE: JJ F1EHN via MoonNet to MMMonVHF

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at: http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 31 December 2009)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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US COUNTY HUNTING - USA-CA

W8FNW 1* - Jim - Dec 31, 2009 to Jan 1, 2010 - SSB Only
Back to Florida, I will run 40m, 75m on request and 20m SSB. SC: Spartanburg, Laurens, Newberry, Lexington, Orangeburg, Bamberg, Barnwell, Allendale. GA: Screven, Bullock, Evans, Tattnall, Long, Wayne, Brantley, Charlton. FL: Nassau, Duval, Clay, Bradford, Alachua, Marion Sumter, Lake, Polk. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

K4YFH - Jimmy - 1* - 02 Jan 2010 to 31 Mar 2010 - SSB and CW
Will be in south Texas. Plan to run all around the Brownsville area. On 20 metre SSB and CW. Then going back north toward Dallas. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]
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QSL INFORMATION -

QSL R1ANR (Novo Runway) - QSL MGR is Nick Shapkin RK1PWA for Russian & Ukrainian Hams, while for other Countries, QSL Manager is ZS1ANF: Oleg S. Sakharov, P.O. Box 15968, Vlaeberg RSA, Cape Town, Western Cape 8018, SOUTH AFRICA.

QSLs received Bureau - None to report! :o(

QSLs received Direct - 3D2MJ (SP5EAQ), 4U1UN (HB9BOU), 8R1PY (PY2WAS), 9N7JO (LA7JO), A61AB (IZ8CLM), CU3EQ (QRZ.com), FO/G3BJ (hc), FT5GA [AF-011] (F5OGL), KL7RRC/P [NA-233] (N7RO), P29NI [OC-205] (G3KHZ), PJ2/K8ND (hc), SV2ASP/A (QRZ.com), TX5SPM (SP9PT), VK9LA (VK4FW), VP8YLG (SV2KBS), VU2MTT (QRZ.com), ZK2BJ [Nuie OC-040] (), ZY0F ().

QSLs received LoTW - BU2AI, DS1REE.

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SILENT KEYS -

Donald "Don" W. Steele, N7RH/VE3PFC, of Sun City, Arizona, became Silent Key on 02 December 2009.

Knut Magne Haugland, LA3KY, of Norway, passed away on 25 December. He was 92. Haugland was one of six men, who with Thor Heyerdahl in 1947, successfully crossed the Pacific Ocean in a 45 foot raft made of balsa wood and bamboo -- named Kon-Tiki -- to prove that people from South America could have settled Polynesia in pre-Columbian times. This expedition worked the entire world using the call LI2B, and whip antenna. During World War II he was a member of the Norwegian resistance movement.

Wade Bates, VE3WIB became Silent Key 28 December.

Other Silent Keys reported include Fritz Zwingli (HB9RE), Roberto Rossi (I5RRE), Gary D. Poorman (K4VT), Giuseppe Montuschi (IK4EPI), Henry W. Herman (W3UJ) and Fred "Angus" Small (ZL3FS).

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BITS & PIECES -

New logs are available on algarvedx.com/logonline
CQ1I - Berlenga Island (EU-040) 1997; PIP NT-029
CR5CQK - Igreja da Fuzeta LH POR-074 and Fa-44
CR5CQK - Dunas de S.Jacinto Natural Park DPRN FF-16 WFF CTFF-16
CT1CQK/p - Roxo Large Dam (20 November)
CU3F - Terceira Island - AZORES
CQ0ODX - Mouchao da Lebre Island (TJ-013); Mouchao dos Caracois Island (TJ-014) and 50 MHz expedition to Serra de Montejunto.
Informations about our awards algarvedx.com/ 73's Algarve STAR DX Team

The Contest Club Finland (CCF) and OH DX Foundation (OHDXF) announce the 15th CCF & OHDXF Contest and DX Conference on Jan 22-24, 2010. The conference is held in the Islande Hotel in Riga/Latvia. Program, prices, reservations, etc. can be found online at:
www.contestclubfinland.com/CCF

The 7th International DX Convention will be held in Paestum, province of Salerno/Italy, on Apr 17-18, 2010. Organized by the Strange Radio Team (SRT) the event provides many highlights again, such as lectures on K4M, TX3A, 3D2GM, T30GM and T2G. Several international awards (such as DXCC, WAC, WAS, WAZ, CQ DX, CQ DX FIELD, IIA) can be applied for or extended. An FCC license examination will be organized as well. With this outstanding program it is advisable to reserve well in advance.

Reservations can be made at the home-page of the Strange Radio Team (www.strangeradioteam.com/) or via e-mail to: idxc -at- strangeradioteam.com

P2 - PAPUA NEW GUINEA - Andy, 3D2AM is currently working on the island of Lihir (IOTA OC-069), New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea, and is licensed as P29CS. Peter uses an Icom 706 with a Drake L7 amplifier and his antenna is a Cushcraft A4S with 40m extension. Peter asks everybody NOT to send the QSL cards to the address indicated on QRZ.com. He is looking for a QSL manager. However, this will take a bit, because he is very busy with his QRL. Please wait for further announcements. [DX Newsletter]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
DX Calendar - Contest Calendar - Lighthouse Activity & much more
Join ICPO e-Group: http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/icpo
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